WHEREAS, Monday, June 17, 1974, marks the Forty-Fifth year in the Priesthood for Father P. J. O'Connor of Pierre, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Father C Connor was born in Killarney, Ireland and spent his years in the Seminary in his native land; and.

WHEREAS, Father was "loaned" to the Rapid City Diocese in the year 1949 and we are indeed cleased that he chose to make South Dakota his home from that time on; and,

WHEREAS, Since coming to South Dakota Father has served the narishes of Blessed Sacrament in Rapid City, St. Mary's in Milesville, and Sacred Heart in Philip, and has served St. John's of Ft. Pierre since July 1, 1970; and,

WHEREAS, Father P. J. C Connor has benefited this State and Nation through the dedication of his life to the purpose of providing an example of rightful actions and moral character; and,

WHEREAS, Father O'Connor has dedicated his life to the betterment of the Church and its people:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIF, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do joyfully and with Christian love proclaim Monday, June 17, 1574, as

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in South Dakota, and urge his many friends to join in the celebration of this momentous occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 19th day of June, in the Year of Cur Lord, Ninetsen Hundreshand Seventy-/

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SICHOLD F. MISIE, GOVERNOR

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE